

Application No. 10/669,781  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification following the title with the following two paragraphs:

This is a continuation of Serial No. 10/251,503 (U.S. Patent No. 6,638,746), filed September 20, 2002, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/242,499, filed January 10, 2000 (abandoned), which is the U.S. National Stage filing of PCT Application No. PCT/EP97/04385. This application claims foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)–(d) to foreign patent application 9616957.8, filed in the United Kingdom on August 13, 1996.

The present invention relates to phytase, nucleic acids encoding phytase as well as methods for the production of phytase and its use.